

**Response Under 37 CFR 1.116**  
**Expedited Procedure**  
Application No. 10/720,646  
Paper Dated: November 1, 2006  
In Reply to USPTO Correspondence of September 1, 2006  
Attorney Docket No. 0115-032131

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/720,646  
Applicant : Heini Zollinger  
Filed : November 24, 2003  
Title : METHOD OF PRODUCING A JOINTLESS AND POROUS  
GRANULAR COVERING, AND GRANULAR COVERING  
PRODUCED BY THIS METHOD  
Group Art Unit : 1762  
Examiner : Frederick J. Parker  
Confirmation No. : 4696  
Customer No. : 28289

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

DO NOT ENTER  
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed with the USPTO, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 1, 2006.

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